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SUBJECT: BAN ON EXPORT OF RHESUS MONKEYS

1. NBC TELEVISION IS PLANNING A MAJOR PRESENTATION ON RHESUS MONKEY PROBLEM. WHILE THIS PROGRAM, UNLIKE MANY EARLIER STORIES, WILL STRESS THE NON-DISCRIMINATORY ASPECTS OF THE EXPORT BAN, IT WILL UNDERLINE THE MAJOR IMPACT OF THE BAN ON THE WORLD HEALTH SITUATION AND IS CERTAIN TO PRODUCE A NEW AVALANCHE OF INQUIRIES AS TO WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT THE MATTER. ISSUE COULD EASILY BE LINKED TO SUCH CONGRESSIONALLY SENSITIVE MATTERS AS BI-LATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

2. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO THINK BASIC APPROACH TO GOI SHOULD BE LEFT TO WHO FOR NOW, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED EMBASSY INFORMAL PROBING OF INDIAN CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE. IS GOI AWARE OF IMPLICATIONS OF BAN ON WORLD HEALTH
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SITUATION? WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING RESULT OF BRITISH APPROACH TO GOI, IF THIS OCCURRED. VANCE

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